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Reply to Office Action of February 23, 2006

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**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, dated February 23, 2006, the Examiner states that Claims 18-28 and 37-48 are pending, Claims 22 and 27 are rejected, Claims 18-21 are allowed, Claims 23-26 and 28 are objected to and Claims 37-48 are withdrawn. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, Claim 28 is objected to for being in improper multiple dependent claim format. The Applicant has corrected the dependency of this claim.

In the Office Action, Claims 22 and 27 are rejected. The Applicant has amended independent Claim 22 to incorporate the features of Claim 23, which is indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Each of the claims should now be in condition for allowance.

The Applicant is also submitting concurrently with the filing of this amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), by mail, to disclose several references which were recently cited in a counterpart foreign application. The Applicant requests that the Examiner please consider these references and acknowledge consideration by returning an initialed copy of form PTO-1449 with the next official communication.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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